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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

: 1:07-CV-05634-AKH-DFE

DR. ANTHONY CERAMI,

RULE 7.1 STATEMENT

Plaintiff,

:

- against -

:

NOVARTIS AG and NOVARTIS VACCINES AND DIAGNOSTICS, INC.,

Defendant. :

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 7.1, and to enable District Judges and Magistrate Judges of the Court to evaluate possible disqualification or recusal, the undersigned counsel for proposed intervenor ABBOTT LABORATORIES (a private non-governmental party) certifies that ABBOTT LABORATORIES is a publicly held corporation.

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